

APPROVED: Meeting No. 24-81

ATTEST: *Helen Heneghan*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
MEETING NO. 19-81

May 16, 1981

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in work session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, on Saturday, May 16, 1981, at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT

Mayor William E. Hanna, Jr.

Councilman Steve Abrams

Councilwoman Phyllis Fordham
(arrived at 9:15 p.m.)

Councilman John Freeland

Councilman John Tyner

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: City Clerk Helen Heneghan; City Manager Larry Blick.

Re: Work Session

The Mayor and Council began with the consideration of the Wish List compiled over a period of time at work sessions.

1. Fund increase in MML dues - \$2,500

The Council agreed to fund this increase.

2. Fund one Montessori school scholarship for low-income (perhaps RHA) child-\$1,000

Councilmembers Fordham and Tyner favored this, the remainder of the Council was opposed. It was not included.

3. Eliminate COG Membership - (\$7,855)

Councilman Freeland approved of this, the remainder of the Council was opposed. The City will continue its COG membership.

4. Eliminate NLC Membership - (\$1,499)

Mayor Hanna and Councilman Abrams opposed this, but the other councilmembers favored it. The City will drop its NLC Membership.

5. Reduce Winter Lights event to \$1,000 annual cost (plus \$500 one time cost in '82. - (\$1,496)

The Council agreed to this.

6. Reduce Antique Car Show to \$3,000 net cost - (\$5,690) - Revenue \$1,200

The Council agreed to this.

7. Possible funding for RHA - \$20,000

The Council suggested that this be included with item number 13.

8. Security guard and dog for Civic Center Mansion - \$25,000

The Council discussed this with the City Manager. Councilman Freeland did not feel a handler was needed, just **a dog** for security. The City Manager explained that lack of a fence meant that a handler was necessary with a dog; however, he did note that the City is currently working on a better burglar alarm system. Councilwoman Fordham said it would be necessary to spend whatever is needed to secure the area. Mayor Hanna agreed and said nothing has been done to safeguard the building and we should provide the best. Mayor Hanna felt that if there is a better way to accomplish the Mayor and Council's security goal the City Manager should bring the idea forward. In the meantime, this method should be used. This passed with Councilmembers Abrams and Freeland opposing it.

9. Disability pay to be able to have 26 working officers (9 months overlap) - \$13,500

The Council agreed to this.

10. Funding for 2 additional Police Officers - \$40,289

Councilman Abrams suggested one more officer be added. The Council did not agree to the addition and approved only the two officers.

11. Additional funding for May Gala - City will pay \$7 per person - \$825.

The Mayor and Council agreed to this.

17. The Economics of Amenities Committee asked for \$25,000 as planning money for berms on Rockville Pike. The Council discussed this and felt if the appearance of Rockville Pike can be improved it is certainly a worthwhile investment. The Economic of Amenities Task Force plans to reimburse the City for this outlay. Councilwoman Fordham suggested the Mayor and Council meet with the Task Force and see how they plan to implement this. The Council agreed to the meeting and to the funding.

18. The Assistant State's Attorney. Funding for a position in the State's Attorney's Office for prosecution of municipal infraction cases.

Mayor Hanna noted that all agreed in concept, but it would be difficult to put funding forth at this time.

12. First year operating costs for Senior Center at Woodley Gardens School - \$40,000

Mayor Hanna spoke to the idea of a senior center at Woodley Gardens School now that the school will be coming available and the possibility exists of the City obtaining the use of it. Councilman Tyner noted the many questions associated with the decision. First of all, whether the City will in fact obtain the facility. Secondly, whether or not the state will pick up the debt service, and whether or not funds

will be available for the state to pick up the debt service. Councilwoman Fordham expressed her concern regarding not only the funding but the use and whether or not it would be used by all the seniors. She said in order for her to support it, the center must become self-supporting. She would like to see a match from the seniors and a plan devised to make the center self-supporting. At the same time, she would prefer it not be used exclusively for seniors. Other uses could be placed there that would be self-supporting or revenue producing. The users would best be young people, not teenagers. In this way, seniors would not be isolated. She did agree to go ahead with the \$40,000 funding. Councilman Freeland expressed his delight at the possibility of a senior center coming to fruition after all this time and said he favors it. Councilman Abrams favored the concept but felt that the City should provide itself flexibility so that if other sites become available that are more appropriate, the mechanism would be used to develop a center that would be more central. Mayor Hanna expressed his doubts that it could ever become self-supporting and said if it were to happen it certainly would not happen in the first year. Councilmembers Abrams, and Freeland agreed and said they felt it should look to the self-supporting idea down the line. The Council agreed to place the \$40,000 in the operating budget for the cost of the first year and at the same time start the grant application process.

13. Blockbuster - \$150,000

Councilwoman Fordham said she would be willing to place \$100,000 in this fund and would hope for matching funds from the private sector. She said it would seem that the payback would be doubtful, but she would like to see the food, shelter and the energy and the high utility cost aided for those who are needy. She said she would like to see some type of in kind payback. Mayor Hanna said this cannot be considered a dole. It would be necessary to come up with a service enterprise that could continue to operate when the City is out of funding. People who receive an assistance would give some type of contribution of any kind. Councilman Abrams said it is appropriate of the City to have some contingency to assist the needy. He feels it should be City run so that the City does not lose control. It should not be a social experiment, help for the needy and the criteria is as it should be, strictly Rockville people who benefit from it. Councilman Tyner said he is opposed to the idea. It is not local government's business to be involved in it. Councilman Freeland said he would be willing to go along with it and release the \$100,000 with the conditions that the fund would be self-perpetuating and self-supporting. Mayor Hanna suggested that the staff examine the proposition and assemble a group to ascertain the best way to operate the fund. The Council, however, would review it prior to any spending. The Council agreed to this.

14. The \$240,000 supplement for concrete maintenance can be reallocated to items such as purchase of a telephone system (\$160,000) or purchase of a computer system (\$239,000). Both of these items would result in a reduction in the FY 1983 budget.

The Mayor and Council agreed that the concrete maintenance is more important.

(At this time the Mayor and Council closed the meeting for executive session to discuss personnel.)

CIP "Wish List"

1. Renovation of Woodley Gardens School - City Share (might be able to get 100 percent grant because of in-kind match.

The City's share will be \$200,000, but there is the possibility that the City might be able to get a 100 percent grant because of in-kind match. The Mayor and Council agreed to this.

Re: CIP Work Session

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

A-3 Public Works Building

Councilman Tyner asked if it was necessary that the people be located in that building or could be moved to one of the buildings that will be vacated with the move to City Hall. The City Manager said it is necessary to be right at that place. The Council made no change.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

C-1 Town Center Garage Lighting Improvements

The Council made no changes.

RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME SERVICES

R-1 Works of Art in Public Places

The Council made no changes.

R-100 Civic Center Complex Improvements

The Council made no changes.

R-103 Civic Center Auditorium Stage Area Expansion

The Council agreed to move the '87 funding to 1984.

R-104 Addition to City's Aquatic Facilities

The Council agreed to delete the \$800,000 for FY '83. Councilwoman Fordham suggested that College Gardens School site be placed in the CIP for future consideration and Mr. Abuhove suggested it be placed on page 50 with future projects.

R-105 Indoor Pool Roof Replacement

The Council made no changes.

R-200 Outdoor Athletic Area

The Planning Commission noted that the best site would be the Julius West or Broome Junior High.

R-203 Civic Center Complex Tennis Courts

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

R-204 Woottons Mill Park

Council agreed to change the wording to update the project description as the Planning Commission suggested.

R-205 Woodley Gardens Tennis Courts

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

R-215 Orchard Ridge Park

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

R-216 Veirs Mill Road Landscaping

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

R-217 Bikeways

The Planning Commission has recommended that \$8,000 be taken in the Planning/Design funds from FY 83 and put in FY 82; add \$9,000 in construction funds in FY 83; change construction funds in FY 84 to \$42,700; and eliminate construction funds in FY 86. The Council agreed to this.

R-218 Dawson Farm Park (Rocky Glen)

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

R-220 North Street Park

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Potential Future Projects

The Council had some questions on this concept and agreed to add the College Gardens School Site.

TRANSPORTATION

T-3 Stonestreet Avenue: Baltimore Road/Veirs Mill

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

T-5 Monroe at Hungerford Widening

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

T-12 Ritchie Parkway: Seven Locks/Rockville Pike

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

T-15 Gude Drive: Southlawn/Route 28

The Planning Commission recommended that the proposed bike path be added to the project description. The Council agreed.

T-25 Washington Street

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

T-501 Ritchie Parkway/Seven Locks Traffic Signal

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

T-803 Martins Lane Sidewalk

The Council agreed to delete the special assessment funding and place in all in the general fund.

T-805 Route 28 Sidewalk: Hurley Ave. to Research Blvd.

The Council deleted the project.

T-1001 General Fund Contingency

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Potential Future Projects

Southlawn Lane: Loftstrand to Gude - The Mayor and Council made no changes.

Baltimore Road: Gladstone to the City Limits - The Council agreed this should not be widened.

ENVIRONMENT

E-2 Multi-Purpose Lake

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-4 Woodley Gardens Park SWM

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-5 Anderson Park Dry Pond

The Council asked the name be deleted.

E-6 Thomas Farm SWM

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-12 Montrose Park Dry Pond

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-13 Bogley Branch Dry Pond

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-15 Rockcrest Park Dry Pond

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-22 Welsh Park SWM Facility

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-25 Dogwood Park Dry Pond

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-28 Hungerford Storm Drain

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-29 Stream Valley Topography Maps

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-32 Rockville Heights Dry Pond

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-33 Rockmead Park SWM Facility

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-201 B&O Station Historic Distric Improvements

Councilman Freeland felt this project should be dropped and the owners should provide the amenities. Councilwoman Fordham asked that it be kept as it is. The Council agreed, as a compromise, to backup all funding for one year, placing '82 funds in '83 and '83 funds in '84.

E-403 Subdivision Sewer Mains

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-405 Upper Watts Branch Relief Sewer

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

E-407 Cabin John Outfall Relief Sewer Phase II

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

H-1 Filtration Plant Pollution Control

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

H-5 Carr Avenue: Transmission Main: Beall/Forest

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

H-7 Burgundy Estates Water Connection

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

H-9 City-WSSC Water Interconnection

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

H-10 Miscellaneous Required Interconnections

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

H-13 Subdivision Water Lines

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

H-17 Ritchie Parkway Transmission Main: Seven Locks/New Mark Commons

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

H-27 Gude Drive Water Extension

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

TOWN CENTER PROJECTS

TCP-1 Courthouse Square Roadway

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

TCP-2 Courthouse Square Improvements

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

TCP-3 Access to Garage

The Mayor and Council made no changes.

TCP-5 Linear Pedestrian Park: Phase I

Mayor Hanna suggested this be moved to 1984. The Council agreed.

TCP-6 Linear Pedestrian Park: Phase II

This project was moved to '85.

TCP-7 Pedestrian Bridge

All work was moved forward one year.

TCP-9 Intersection Landscaping

The construction funding was moved up to '83, '84, and '85 respectively.

TCP-10 Street Landscaping

The construction funding was moved up to '83, '84 and '85 respectively.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in work session, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. to convene again in general session on Monday, May 18, 1981, at 8:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.